

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. The applicants have rewritten claims 137-156 as newly added claims 177-194 as requested by the Examiner. Claim 137 was rewritten in the independent format. The applicants have amended the definition of R¹ and R¹⁴ such that the definitions do not include phenyl substituted with a sulphonic acid group. The applicants believe that the claims as amended are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 137-156 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 137-139 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Ciba-Geigy, EP 149170 ("Ciba-Geigy"). The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claims 137-156 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The applicants believe that the claims as amended are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 137 was rewritten in the independent format. The applicants have amended the definition of R¹ and R¹⁴ such that the definitions do not include phenyl substituted with a sulphonic acid group. The applicants believe that there is no overlapping definitions between formula (A) and (B) as amended. For the above reasons this rejection should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103

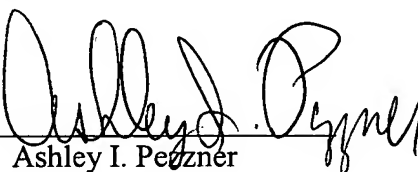
Claims 137-139 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Ciba-Geigy. There is no overlapping between from (B) and formula (I) of Ciba-Geigy. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

No additional fees are due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

Respectfully submitted,

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